

Public Information Statement
National Weather Service Albany NY
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...Severe Weather Awareness Week begins today...

April 26 to May 2 is Severe Weather Awareness Week in New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts and Vermont. All residents are urged to be weather ready by protecting themselves from the hazards of flooding, tornadoes, and severe thunderstorms.

Nationally, on average, severe weather kills 268 people per year, including 109 from tornadoes, 75 from flooding, 51 from wind and 33 from lightning. Severe weather happens locally. The National Weather Service Forecast Office in Albany New York issues 131 severe thunderstorm warnings, 4 tornado warnings, and 30 flash flood warnings per year.

Each day this week we will explore actions to take during severe weather to reduce the risk of death, injury and property loss to you and your loved ones.

Monday we review **severe weather terms and definitions**.

Tuesday the focus is on **severe thunderstorms**.

Wednesday we turn to **severe weather preparedness and safety**.

Thursday will feature a **study of tornadoes with a review of thunderstorm safety**. On Thursday afternoon at 1:15 pm we will conduct our **severe weather communication drill**. Thursday April 30 is also [America's PrepareAthon](#).

Friday is the day to look at the **summer flood threat** and provide some **safety rules**.

Finally on **Saturday** we will review the key items from this week once again focusing on **preparedness and safety**.

Taking steps now to prepare for severe weather will help you keep safe and enjoy summer. Be smart. Take part. Prepare.

For more information on Severe Weather Awareness Week, go to our web site <http://www.weather.gov/aly>. Then select our severe weather awareness link.